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## **Catalytic Converter Theft Arrest**

On October 25<sup>th</sup> at around 0545 an alert citizen reported a suspicious subject with tools in their hand crawl underneath a Toyota Sequoia belonging to the victim. The victim had previously had his catalytic converter stolen and had installed additional security measures to prevent it from being stolen a second time. The subject was unsuccessful at stealing the victim's catalytic converter and went to another Toyota Sequoia nearby. The citizen called Pleasanton Police and officers arrived on scene to find Eduardo Labitoria under the Toyota attempting to remove a catalytic converter. Officers ordered Labitoria to come out from under the vehicle and Labitoria chose to run from the officers. Officers chased after Labitoria who climbed over a fence leading to the Zone 7 Arroyo. A perimeter was set up and Labitoria was eventually apprehended without incident.

Further investigation revealed Labitoria's vehicle had five catalytic converters, believed to be stolen, inside. A second suspect, Diana Cabaccang, was located inside Labitoria's vehicle and found to be in possession of methamphetamines. Labitoria was charged with tampering with a vehicle, possession of burglary tools, delaying and obstructing an officer, and had a felony warrant for his arrest. Cabaccang was charged with possession of a controlled substance. Both Labitoria and Cabaccang are from Stockton and were booked into Santa Rita Jail.



Diana Cabaccang



Eduardo Labitoria